

IN THE ABSTRACT

~~An apparatus, method, and system provide the ability to for processing image data is provided, comprising processing means, storage means, display means and stylus-like manually operable input means, wherein said processing means is configured to perform functions upon image data in response to an operator manually selecting a function from a function menu, said processing means responds to~~ In response to a first user-generated input command, so as to display a plurality of function gates are displayed at a cursor position. The gates that are displayed are relevant to a current application being performed by an operator. Using a stylus, a cursor is moved ~~movement of the stylus-like manually operable input means so as to move said cursor through one of said the function gates results, resulting in a related menu being displayed, and manual selection of a~~ A function is manually selected from said the displayed menu and results in the selected function being performed upon said the image data.